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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

D. T. E. 00-42 June 5, 2000

FITCHBURG GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company for Approval of its Long-Range Forecast and Resource Plan for the period 2000-2004 pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 69I et seq.

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On May 1, 2000, the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") received the Petition ("Petition") of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company ("Fitchburg Gas" or "Company") for approval of its Long Range Forecast and Resource Plan, encompassing the years 2000-2004. The Department will review the Company's sendout forecast for the appropriateness and accuracy of the forecast, and will review the company's supply plan for its adequacy and cost.

Upon the foregoing Petition, the Department will conduct a public hearing at the following time and location:

10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 23, 2000

Department of Telecommunications and Energy

One South Station, Second Floor

Boston, MA 02110

The Company is required to give notice of this public hearing at least fourteen (14) days prior to June 23, 2000, in the The Boston Globe, the Fitchburg-Leominster Sentinel, and the Worcester Telegram. The Company shall serve a copy thereof by mail at least fourteen (14) days prior to June 23, 2000, on the mayors, the city clerks, chairpersons of the boards of selectmen, and town clerks of the cities and towns in the Fitchburg Gas service territory, and all intervenors and participants in D.T.E. 00-42.

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A copy of the Company's Petition and filing is available for inspection at the Department's offices at One South Station, Boston, MA 02110; and at the offices of Fitchburg Gas & Electric Light Company, 285 John Fitch Highway, Fitchburg, MA 01420.

Persons interested in commenting on the Company's filing may appear at the public hearing or file an original and three (3) copies of written comments, no later than June 23, 2000, with:

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

RE: D. T. E. 00-42

Department of Telecommunications and Energy

One South Station

Boston, MA 02110

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding concerning the above Petition must file an original and three (3) copies of a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on June 16, 2000, with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, RE: 00-42, at the address noted above, and one copy with the Company's attorney:

Paul B. Dexter, Esq.

LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, L.L.P.

260 Franklin Street

Boston, MA 02110

(617) 748-6823

A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03, including a description of the manner in which the petitioner is substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding. Receipt by the Department -- not mailing -- constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A late filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01 (4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03 (1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

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Any person desiring information concerning intervention or participation in this case or desiring further information regarding this notice should contact: Marcella Hickey, Hearing Officer, at (617) 305-3500.

Fitchburg Gas is required to make return of service and proof of publication on or before June 23, 2000, certifying compliance with this Order.

By Order of the Department,

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MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY